

## THE HOSPITAL BOARD MEETS

Quarterly Session Held at Eastern State Hospital in Williamsburg.

### SUPERINTENDENTS GATHER

Adopt Uniform System of Keeping Records and Statistics in State Hospitals.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

WILLIAMSBURG, Va., Jan. 14.—The conference of superintendents of the different hospitals for the insane, which met at the Eastern State Hospital, adjourned last night, after holding several lengthy sessions, which were presided over by Dr. Benjamin Blackford, of the Western Asylum. This meeting of the superintendents was requested by the General Board of Directors of the State Hospitals, to be held quarterly, the day before the meeting of the general board. The object of the meeting was to formulate a uniform system of keeping the medical records of all the hospitals of the State and to present the same to the Board of Directors for its approval. The superintendents in their report stated that they had agreed upon and adopted a uniform system of medical and statistical tables and clinical records for all the hospitals of the State to be put into effect as early within the current year as practicable. The superintendents present were Dr. Benjamin Blackford, chairman; Dr. William F. Drewry, Dr. Robert J. Preston and Dr. L. S. Foster.

The quarterly meeting of the General Board of Directors of the insane hospitals began at the Eastern State Hospital yesterday. Colonel L. W. Lane, State commissioner, presiding. The following directors were present: Messrs. Robert Gilliam, Julius Stearns, L. D. Batchelor, from the Central Asylum; H. D. Cole, Judge G. Taylor Garnett, E. H. Clowes, from the Eastern Asylum; Judge James L. Treadway, Colonel R. W. Lane, State commissioner, from the Western Asylum; Haynes L. Morgan, Major C. C. Tallaferro and John G. Osborn, from the Southwestern Hospital.

The board was in session until a late hour last night and adjourned to meet at Richmond this morning to complete a bill to be presented to the Legislature, changing in some respects and manner of the commitment of the insane and the management of the asylums.

The visitors made a close inspection of the hospital in all of its departments and expressed themselves as being highly pleased with everything, especially the handsome new building named after the Governor and known as the Montague building. The directors left this morning on the 10:47 train for Richmond to meet at 12 o'clock.

### EGGS SCARCE.

A New Kent Lady's Plan to Increase Energy of Lagging Hens.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
ROXBURY, Va., Jan. 14.—There are not quite so many happy homes in New Kent as usual. The cause of all the trouble is nothing more than the hens have been three months on a general strike. Eggs at thirty cents a piece and not more than three or four per set out of a large flock is more than the housewife can stand. The verdict of death will be read to whole flocks of fowls in the near future unless they do better.

One lady near this place hit on a happy plan. Her fowls were well fed and sheltered, but would not lay. She had a load of manure hauled. No sooner had the wagon been unloaded than the whole bank of manure was covered with the fowls. The lady went out some time later. To her surprise she found thirty-two eggs laying all around where the fowls had been feeding. The lady was delighted, and the news soon spread all over the neighborhood. Then the husband hands had to come out from their warm nests, hitch up and go after manure.

### LARGELY ATTENDED.

Much Interest Shown in Trial of Humphrey Potts.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
LESSBURG, Va., Jan. 14.—Humphrey Potts, charged with slaying John Virts to death on the Main Street of Hillsboro, this county, on Saturday evening, November 14th, was put on trial today. He is represented by Captain John H. Alexander, of this county, and Mr. Marshall McCormick, of Berryville. Potts and Virts are closely related, and their families widely connected in the county, and the trial is being largely attended. The following venire were summoned: M. H. Whitmore, T. B. and J. M. Martin, J. P. Barton, J. T. Milly, J. H. Giddings, J. N. Lynn, S. E. Edwards, J. J. Costello, F. B. Robey, A. B. Chamblin, C. W. Monroe. The Commonwealth had partially presented its case on the adjournment of the court.

### NARROW ESCAPE.

Miss Ethel Taylor Rescued From Drowning by Negro Lads.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
FREDERICKSBURG, Va., Jan. 14.—The Central Hotel property on Main Street in this city has been sold by the owner, Mr. L. L. Layton, to Mr. Michael Long, on private terms. Mr. Long conducts the place as a saloon and hotel.

At the bazaar of the Washington Glare at the Opera House last night, "Box and Cox" was rendered by the College Dramatic Club before a large gathering. Tonight was military night. The company paraded the streets this afternoon. They expect to realize a large sum from the bazaar, which will close Saturday night.

The closing of navigation by ice on the Rappahannock and Potomac Rivers during the recent and prevailing cold snap, has revived the talk of a needed railway steam ferry across from this city through the Northern Neck to Chesapeake Bay.

Miss Ethel Taylor, daughter of Mr. John Taylor, of Westmoreland county,

broke through the ice on Monroe Bay, while skating and narrowly escaped being drowned. She was finally thrown a rope by two colored boys, who aided in rescuing her, after she had been in the water for ten minutes.

Mr. P. S. George, an officer on the steamer Randall, of the Potomac River, and Miss Eva Walker, daughter of Mr. Thomas Walker, of Westmoreland county, were married this week at Nomini Baptist Church in that county. Rev. Mr. Latane officiating. Mr. and Mrs. George will reside in Washington.

**BATH COUNTY COURT.**  
Special Grand Jury Investigating Violators Local-Option Law.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
WARM SPRINGS, Va., Jan. 14.—The final term of Bath County Court convened here Tuesday and disposed of the following cases: J. R. Webb and Mary Beale, for violation of local option law, \$20 and costs each; Gilpin & Alpha, selling liquor to a minor—case dismissed; William Saunders, of Hot Springs, assault and battery \$50 fine. In the last named case the defendant has already been fined \$2.50 by a justice and the question has arisen whether he was legally tried or not. The Board of Supervisors held their first meeting Monday and elected C. W. Burns chairman.

A special grand jury is in session, investigating more violations of the local option laws. It looks as if a very determined effort is to be made by the new Commonwealth's attorney, H. H. Byrd, to enforce the liquor laws. The jury has returned nine indictments against Mrs. M. T. Eubank, manager of the Warm Springs Hotel for violation of revenue laws. The jury is still in session.

**WITHDRAW CONTEST.**  
Chamber of Commerce Takes Action on Depot Question.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
CHARLOTTEVILLE, Va., Jan. 14.—The Chamber of Commerce, at an adjourned meeting last night to consider the advisability of granting certain privileges to the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway in return for the erection of a handsome depot, some three miles west of this place, to Mr. Elmer Cooper. Mr. Yruger has been suffering with a throat trouble, and has been unable until recently to attend to his ministerial duties. He says he will apply now for a change of the volume of business in the depot postoffice has greatly increased of late. I was told to-day by the deputy postmaster that one firm in town sends letters mailed as many as three hundred letters per day. The two banks also have large correspondence.

**Will Apply for Charge.**  
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BOYDTON, Va., Jan. 14.—The Rev. R. H. Younger has sold his farm, known as the Finch farm, some three miles west of this place, to Mr. Elmer Cooper. Mr. Yruger has been suffering with a throat trouble, and has been unable until recently to attend to his ministerial duties. He says he will apply now for a change of the volume of business in the depot postoffice has greatly increased of late. I was told to-day by the deputy postmaster that one firm in town sends letters mailed as many as three hundred letters per day. The two banks also have large correspondence.

**Keswick Hunt.**  
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
KESWICK, Va., Jan. 14.—Unlike the local and Northern hunt clubs, which I hear are frost and blizzard bound, the weather and game in this favored section continue to be ideal for hunting. Both the fox and the antelope are abundant, and one single fox has been called so far by bad weather. On Saturday, January 9th, quite a good field enjoyed the weekly drag hunt, while on the following Tuesday a fine chase of two hours furnished regal sport, ending in the death of a good old gray fox.

**Four Years for Attempted Assault.**  
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
LESSBURG, Va., Jan. 14.—Clifton Bryant, a negro, seventeen years old, was sentenced to four years in the penitentiary by the County Court yesterday for an attempt to commit a criminal assault on Mrs. Rebecca Roberts, a highly respected white woman, sixty-five years old, living near the town of Almont. The offense occurred Christmas eve, in the store room owned by Mrs. Roberts, located on the public highway near Blummont.

**Pastor Pounded.**  
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
GREEN BAY, Va., Jan. 14.—Rev. F. W. Berry, pastor of the Disciples' Church of this place, was agreeably surprised by a large pounding by the members. He has served this church faithfully as pastor for fifteen years.

Mr. John E. Albroke is critically ill at his home near here with pneumonia.

**Bank Officers.**  
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
ORANGE, Va., Jan. 14.—At a meeting of the stockholders of the National Bank of Orange Tuesday, John G. Williams was elected president; James W. Morton, vice-president; H. G. Fink, cashier, and the following directors: W. W. Sanford, T. O. Gilliam, C. C. Tallaferro, H. T. Holladay, F. B. Perry and W. C. Graves.

**Died From Shock.**  
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
LYNCHBURG, Va., Jan. 14.—A telephone message received here this morning announced the death at her home, at Big Island, of Mrs. Lou Snodgrass Trevey, wife of Mr. J. Trevey. A few weeks ago, Mrs. Trevey's daughter, Mrs. Turpin, was fatally burned, and Mrs. Trevey never recovered from the shock.

**Built Fire in Box Car.**  
Negro Tramp Came Near Destroying the Seaboard Air Line Freight Yards.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
NORFOLK, Va., Jan. 14.—Willie Brooks, a negro tramp, almost succeeded in starting a fire which would have destroyed the Seaboard Air Line freight yards in Portsmouth this morning. Incidentally, he narrowly escaped with his life.

He boarded a freight car at Godwin Street and the weather being cold, he started a fire on the car floor. When the fire department arrived to extinguish the blaze, which threatened the entire freight yards, Brooks was found peacefully sleeping in the burning car.

**MOTION FOR NEW TRIAL.**  
Judge H. H. Hinkle, of the Circuit Court, to-day declared that he is satisfied that the verdict of the jury in the case of Mrs. Annie Whaley, who was sent to the penitentiary for five years for cruelly beating Lillie Davis, is not justified by the evidence. He is claiming to be her daughter, is legal, and he took under advisement a motion for a new trial, which is made on the ground that the date specified in the indictment and the date of the assault indicated by the evidence do not agree.

The lightest sentence for murder ever imposed by a Norfolk jury was the one year's imprisonment given George Washington West, colored, this morning. He killed E. M. Hurst two years ago.

**CONDEMNATION.**  
Judge Edmund Waddill, of the Federal Court, has determined to order for the condemnation of the Schmoole tract of land, adjoining the navy-yard, a special jury of condemnation. The government and the owners of the property are bargaining over an increase of \$2,000 above the half million appropriated for the purchase of the proposed addition to the navy-yard.

**DEATH OF W. D. BRANCH.**  
Was Lynchburg's War Mayor and Surrendered the City.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
LYNCHBURG, Va., Jan. 14.—Mr. William Daniel Branch, for over half a century a resident of this city, died yesterday at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. D. G. Miller, at Clay's Crossing, in Campbell county.

Branch was born at Woodlawn, in Buckingham county, in May, 1820. He was a graduate of Hampton-Sidney, Va., and soon after leaving that institution he came to Lynchburg to reside, and here entered upon the practice of law, in which he continued for ten years, after which he went to make his home with his son-in-law, Mr. D. G. Miller, who is a well known and prosperous farmer. Mr. Branch served as Mayor of Lynchburg for eighteen years, four of which fell in the days of the Civil War. He held the post of city clerk, and rendered Lynchburg to General Curtis, shortly after the surrender.

Mr. Branch survived by two sons—Mr. Clem Branch, of Texas, and Mr. William B. Branch, of West Virginia, and four daughters—Mrs. W. D. G. Miller, of Bedford; Mrs. D. G. Miller, of Campbell; Mrs. Maurice Dinwiddie, of Richmond; and Mrs. Cheatewood, of Campbell.

**NEW KENT STIRRED.**  
Discontent Because Case of Criminal Assault Continued.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
NEW KENT, Va., Jan. 14.—The last term of New Kent County Court was held here to-day. Judge Sydney Smith presided. A special grand jury was impaneled to investigate charges against Charles Wilson for a criminal assault on Mrs. Eva Jordan. A true bill was rendered.

The prisoner was represented by Herbert I. Lewis, of West Point, and Roger P. Gregory, of Fustells. The case was argued before the judge until March, when a verdict was granted. The announcement caused a pallor of disappointment to fall over every white face in the courtroom, and it is a general opinion that unless extreme precaution is taken Lynch law will follow. The New Kent people are now abiding by the law, but the law circumstances they are much wrought up.

**THREATENED WITH ARREST FOR KIDNAPING.**  
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
WINCHESTER, Va., Jan. 14.—Treatments with arrest on a charge of kidnaping children is the amazing predicament in which Mrs. Frank Baker, one of the most highly esteemed and charitable women of Winchester, was placed to-day. Mrs. Baker, who is president of the local branch of the Children's Home Society, was arrested on a charge of kidnaping a child, and is now in the custody of the Sheriff. The child, a young girl, was found in the home of Mrs. Baker, and is now in the custody of the Sheriff. The child, a young girl, was found in the home of Mrs. Baker, and is now in the custody of the Sheriff.

**MURDER TRIAL.**  
Much Interest in the Peoples Case at Wytheville.

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WYTHEVILLE, Va., Jan. 14.—To-day's session of the County Court was consumed in argument of the Peoples case. The instructions to the jury were argued in the forenoon, and the argument of the Supreme Court of Appeals, and the argument was continued until the afternoon.

Finally Judge Parker, for the prosecution, and the same number asked for by the defense, Attorney A. A. Campbell, who is assisted by the Commonwealth's Attorney, then opened the argument.

Interest in the trial increases, rather than diminishes, as the case advances. The three attorneys for the defense will speak, and then Commonwealth's Attorney H. M. Huser will close the case.

**ACCIDENTALLY SHOT.**  
Mr. Louis Minnigerode's Pistol Goes Off in His Hand.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
LYNCHBURG, Va., Jan. 14.—Mr. Louis Minnigerode, who recently came from Richmond to reside, accidentally shot himself through the hand this afternoon while taking a revolver from his trunk. The pistol was discharged this way, both hands being in the trigger of the room.

Mr. Minnigerode's wound is very painful, but it is not thought to be serious.

**Hanover Handfuls.**  
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
HANOVER, Va., Jan. 14.—A small, dark, which involves over \$2,000,000.

The Arkansas Gazette somewhat contemptuously asks where Dr. Wood got the military education and experience to fit him for the high position to which he aspires. Bless you, he doesn't need it. He has the President, and what more can you require?—Montgomery Advertiser.

**Germany's Population.**  
The imperial statistical office of Germany publishes figures showing that during the past year the population of the empire had increased at an unprecedented rate. The population had increased by 100,000, or 1.6 per cent. The rate of increase in 1900 was 1.5 per cent, and in 1899, 1.4 per cent.

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**Leaves for Norfolk.**  
Mr. Wythe D. Anderson, who was for some time connected with the Richmond Works of the American Locomotive Company, and also formerly a reporter for the Times-Dispatch, left yesterday for Norfolk, where he has accepted a position on the editorial staff of Norfolk Dispatch.

**A CROWN OF GLORY.**  
As Well as a Mark of Beauty is Luxurious Hair.

It has been truly said that the crowning glory of our race is a luxuriant head of hair.

It used to be thought that this was one of the blessings which the gods bestowed upon man, and it is only recently that scientists have discovered that its beauty is dependent upon the absence of a minute germ which flourishes in the hair follicles, where it destroys the life of the hair.

To restore this life and kill the germ which causes the mischief is the mission of Newbro's Herpicide.

Herpicide surely kills the germs, and is the best hair dressing on the market. It contains no grease or oil, neither will it stain or dye.

Sold by leading druggists. Send 10c in stamps for sample to The Herpicide Co., Detroit, Mich. Agents and Minor Drug Co., special agents.

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